

In the Specification:

Please amend the third paragraph of page 5 to read as follows:

Further, advantages, features and details of the invention follow from the description below of a preferred exemplary embodiment and with reference to the drawings, wherein:

Figure 1 is a side view of an apparatus according to the invention; and

Figure 2 further illustrates an embodiment of the invention having four compensation cylinders.

Please amend the 4th paragraph of page 5 as follows:

Referring to ~~the~~ Figure 1, a cross section is shown through an apparatus according to the invention for the fine blanking of workpieces from a material, for example from a metal sheet 1. This metal sheet ~~is~~ passes through a machine frame 2 between a crosshead 3 and a base 4. Side walls are identified by 5 and 6.

Please amend the 4th paragraph starting on page 6 as follows:

According to the invention, however, the ram 7 is also supported against preferably four compensation cylinders 22 (See also Figure 2), only one being described below. Guided in the compensation cylinder 22 is a compensation piston 23, which in turn is firmly connected to the ram 7 via a piston rod 24. According to the invention, the compensation piston or pistons 23 have an effective cross-sectional area which corresponds to that of the V-ring piston 12. Furthermore,

the V-ring cylinder 13 and the compensation cylinder 22 are coupled to one another via a hydraulic connection 25. An oil tank (not shown in any more detail) can be connected in this hydraulic connection 25 via further connection 26 and logic valve 27.

Please amend the Abstract to read as follows:

ABSTRACT

A device for finely cutting workpieces from a material, ~~comprising~~ which includes a press plate which is subjected to the pressure of a knife-edged ring cylinder consisting of a knife-edged ring and a clipping punch which is guided in ~~said~~ the pressing plate, and associated with a blanking die with a counter holder (ejector) on a tappet, whereby ~~said~~ the tappet is placed against at least one compensation cylinder which is hydraulically connect to the knife-edged ring cylinder.